

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 15, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Mr. Keith Ingram, Elections Director, Texas Office of the Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the preliminary results of the Special Election held June 14, 2022, the Honorable Mayra Flores was elected Representative to Congress for the Thirty-Fourth Congressional District, State of Texas.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
ELECTIONS DIVISION,
Austin, Texas, June 15, 2022.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: This is to advise you that the unofficial results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, for Representative in Congress from the 34th Congressional District of Texas, show that Mayra Flores received 14,780 or 50.98% of the total number of votes cast for that office.

It would appear from these unofficial results that Mayra Flores was elected as Representative in Congress from the 34th Congressional District of Texas.

To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, there is no contest to this election.

As soon as the official results are certified to this office by all counties involved and certified by the Governor of Texas, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Sincerely,

KEITH INGRAM,
Director of Elections.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE
MAYRA FLORES, OF TEXAS, AS
A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Texas, the Honorable MAYRA FLORES, be permitted to take the oath of office this evening.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the members of the Texas delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will please raise her right hand.

Mrs. FLORES appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of

the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE
MAYRA FLORES TO THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, central to the preservation of our democracy is recognition of the results of fair elections you lose just as much, if not more, than the elections which you win. Tonight, we welcome to this Chamber a new Member and recognize a fairly won Republican victory in my home State for the 6 months remaining this year in the term of our recent colleague, Filemon Vela, who resigned.

MAYRA FLORES was born and raised in Tamaulipas, Mexico. She came legally to the United States at 6 years old with the help of her father and became a naturalized American citizen.

MAYRA graduated in 2014 as a respiratory care practitioner and currently works caring for those with chronic respiratory issues. With Latino Texans bearing a very disproportionate burden from the pandemic, she has been on the front lines combating COVID. She graduated from South Texas College, and her husband serves as a Border Patrol agent. Mayra will be the first Mexican-born woman to serve in the House and the first Hispanic Republican woman to serve in our Texas delegation.

She ran a very vigorous campaign. I congratulate her on her success. I see that she brings a beautiful family to our Chamber. I look forward to working with her this year.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), who is the senior Texas Republican in my Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, on this day in 1788, the United States Constitution was ratified making that remarkable document the law of this land, and it began with those immortal words: "We the People."

So 234 years to the day after that call to create a more perfect Union, the U.S. House of Representatives makes history today with the inspiring swearing in of the first Mexican-born Member of Congress, MAYRA FLORES of Texas.

There is so much to be impressed by with MAYRA. She was born and raised with humble beginnings in Burgos, Mexico. From a young age, her parents and grandparents raised her with

strong conservative values of faith, family, and hard work.

She came legally to the United States at 6 years old, and with the enthusiastic help of her father, she became a proud, naturalized American citizen. Growing up, MAYRA worked alongside her parents in the cotton fields in Memphis, Texas, to earn extra money for school supplies and clothes. With the support of her family, MAYRA graduated as a respiratory care practitioner and has worked ever since to care for the elderly and the disabled.

She did serve on the front lines helping patients combat COVID-19 and remains every day an active member of her community in south Texas. She remains a firm believer in the American Dream—it is a dream she is living—and will always fight so that others can achieve it, as she has.

A proud wife and mother of four, her husband serves as a Border Patrol agent in the Rio Grande Valley working to protect our country during an unprecedented border crisis.

So on behalf of the entire Texas delegation, please welcome with me to the United States Congress the Honorable MAYRA FLORES, her husband John, and their four beautiful children.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Texas (Mrs. FLORES).

Mrs. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to give a voice to the voiceless and to say that the people who live and work in south Texas have had enough. We want to be heard, and we are tired of being treated like second-class citizens.

I was born in Burgos, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and raised with strong values to always put God and family first. My father, Saul Flores, moved us to the United States because of the promise of America. He told me that in this country, if you work hard, you can accomplish anything. My story proves he is right.

But right now our people are struggling. They are taken for granted. That ends now.

I am here. I have risen from working in the cotton fields to representing the community I love in the United States Congress. And I will give them a voice. I will use it to say: Our lives are not a game. Our people deserve to have opportunity, security, and freedom, and I will work every day to give it to them.

I am a proud Border Patrol wife and a mother of four young children fighting for a better future for them and for all our children.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from Texas, the whole number of the House is 430.

INDUSTRIAL CONTROL SYSTEMS
CYBERSECURITY TRAINING ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DEUTCH). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule